



Controversial Issues Survey Results

1. GUN CONTROL - With respect to the issue of gun control, the following most closely reflects my position:

- a. Citizens have a constitutional right to keep and bear arms, and I strongly support this very important right. **52.84%**
- b. Citizens have a right to keep and bear arms, but there should be some regulation, particularly of handguns. **39.69%**
- c. Possession and ownership of handguns should be outlawed, and ownership and possession of other firearms should be regulated. **5.22%**
- d. Possession and ownership of all firearms should be outlawed. **0.66%**

No Response: **1.59%**

Totals: **100.00%**

2. ABORTION - The following most closely reflects my position:

- a. I am pro-life, and I am opposed to abortion under all circumstances. **10.64%**
- b. I am generally pro-life, but could support limited abortions where strictly necessary to save the mother's life. **36.83%**
- c. I am generally pro-choice, and I believe that a woman should have the right to an abortion at any time during the first six months of pregnancy. **32.53%**
- d. I am pro-choice, and I believe that a woman should have the right to an abortion at any time. **17.34%**

No Response: **2.66%**

Totals: **100.00%**

3. PROPERTY RIGHTS - Should government be required to pay a property owner just compensation whenever an action by the county (such as enacting zoning changes or imposing regulatory restrictions) causes a reduction in the owner's property value?

- a. Yes **91.00%**
- b. No **6.95%**

No Response: **2.05%**

Totals: **100.00%**

4. GAS TAX & TRANSPORTATION

- a. While inflation has increased at an average of 3 percent the past several years, the gas tax has remained the same. Would you support an increase in the gas tax to keep in line with inflation?

a. Yes **28.90%**

b. No **68.59%**

No Response: **2.51%**

Totals: **100.00%**

- b. Do you think a vote of the people should be required to raise the gas tax more than inflation?

a. Yes **84.81%**

b. No **12.33%**

No Response: **2.86%**

Totals: **100.00%**

5. MANDATORY SENTENCES

- a. Do you support tough, mandatory sentences (with all the loopholes closed) for persons convicted of violent felonies such as murder, robbery, rape, assault, kidnapping, and arson?

a. Yes **93.91%**

b. No **4.09%**

No Response: **2.00%**

Totals: **100.00%**

- b. Should the production and distribution of meth be added to the list of "Three Strikes You're Out" offenses?

a. Yes **88.24%**

b. No **7.98%**

No Response: **3.78%**

Totals: **100.00%**

6. PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - The following most closely reflects my position:

- a. I am opposed to any sort of organized prayer in public schools. **13.81%**

- b. I support the concept of a period of silence or individual silent prayer in the public schools. **59.34%**

- c. I support organized prayer in the public schools. **24.76%**

No Response: **2.09%**

Totals: **100.00%**

7. INCOME TAX - With respect to the issue of an income tax, the following most closely reflects my position:

- a. I generally favor the concept of a state income tax. **4.65%**
- b. I could support a state or local income tax under certain circumstances, particularly if it were part of a comprehensive tax reform package. **26.19%**
- c. I am flatly opposed to a state or local income tax under all or virtually all circumstances. **64.45%**

No Response: **4.71%**

Totals: **100.00%**

8. MINORS' ACCESS TO INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY IN LIBRARIES

- a. I am opposed to any access that a minor might have to internet pornography through our state funded libraries, and I believe regulations should be enacted to protect our children. **75.14%**
- b. I am generally opposed to children viewing internet pornography at our libraries, but believe it is an issue best regulated by parental control, not the state. **17.60%**
- c. I am generally opposed to children viewing internet pornography at our libraries, but believe regulations to prohibit such would be in violation of our first amendment rights. **3.22%**
- d. I have no problem with children viewing internet pornography at our state libraries. **0.31%**

No Response: **3.73%**

Totals: **100.00%**

9. GOVERNMENT SIZE - With respect to the relation between government size, taxation, and spending, the following best reflects my position:

- a. State government is too big and should be reduced in size, accompanied by a reduction in taxes, a reduction in spending, and a reduction in services. **59.23%**
- b. The present size, scope and involvement of state government is just about right. **32.17%**
- c. State government should be increased in size, accompanied by an increase in taxes, an increase in spending, and an increase in services. **2.25%**

No Response: **6.35%**

Totals: **100.00%**

10. CHILD ABUSE AND PARENTS' RIGHTS - With respect to the issue of child abuse, which is most frequently committed by a child's own parents, the following best reflects my position:

- a. Government should aggressively seek to halt child abuse, even it means occasionally offending some innocent parents or infringing upon areas that are traditionally considered parents' rights. **9.87%**
- b. Government should seek a balance between the rights of children and the rights of parents. **56.58%**
- c. Government has all too often improperly intruded into parent child relationships and wrongfully trampled on parents' rights; therefore, government should be more cautious in this area and reduce its overly zealous enforcement of child abuse laws. **28.95%**

No Response: **4.60%**

Totals: **100.00%**

11. GROWTH MANAGEMENT - The following most closely reflects my position:

- a. I would like to see increased development and more housing construction, because of the need to make housing more affordable, to strengthen our economy, and to create jobs. **22.56%**
- b. The present level of growth and development is just about right. **23.99%**
- c. I would like to see less development and/or more sensible growth in order to help protect the environment, preserve open space, and minimize congestion. **47.47%**

No Response: **5.98%**

Totals: **100.00%**